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Sir:

Prior to further examination on the merits and responsive to the Office Action dated October 12, 2007, Applicants respectfully request examination of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. A request for continued examination (RCE) is being filed concurrently with this submission. The appropriate fees are enclosed to make this response timely.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document. Remarks begin on page 4 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows.